tion; and

(d) to what extent the generation of power will be increased ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present installed capacity of the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) is 2241.50 MW comprising 2007.50 MW thermal, 144 MW Hydro and 90 MW of gas turbine.

(c) The DVC is at present executing the Mejia Thermal Power Project (3 × 210 MW) at an estimated cost of Rs. 1703.04 crores. Unit-I is scheduled to be commissioned in February, 1995, to be followed by Unit-2 in September, 1995 and Unit-3 in May, 1996. A proposal for setting up the Maithon Right Bank TPS Stage-I (4 × 210 MW) is also under consideration. Further, the following existing power stations of the DVC are covered under a Renovation, Modernisation and Uprating programme :—

(1) Bokaro 'A' Thermal Power Station (3 × 50 MW + 1 × 55 MW).

(2) Chandrapura Thermal Power Station (3 × 120 MW + 3 × 140 MW).

(3) Durgapur Thermal Power Station (2 × 55 MW + 1 × 140 MW).

(4) Maithon Hydel Station (3 × 20 MW).

(5) Panchet Hydel Station (1 × 40 MW).

(d) Mejia TPP would give an additional generation capacity of 630 MW. The capacity addition proposed in Stage-I of the Maithon TPP is 840 MW. After the implementation of the renovation, modernisation and uprating schemes the existing stations are also expected to give higher generation.

Disparity in Cost Projections of Power Projects

5542. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :
SHRI G. G. SWELL :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the disparities in the cost projections of power projects pointed by the National working group in power comprising eminent experts in the area; if so, what are the salient points brought out in the paper; and

(b) what is the reaction of Government to each of the important points made and whether Government propose to recast its estimates; and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The Government is aware of the paper brought out by a group of persons, who earlier were associated with the power sector, constituting themselves as a National Working Group on Power. The Ministry of Power have published a pamphlet titled "The legal and policy framework of private power development—facts and clarifications" which places the correct position on the points raised in the paper. The Pamphlet has been circulated to the Hon'ble Members of Parliament.

Scrapping of Provisions of Electricity Supply Act

5543. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the provisions of financial working as contained in the Electricity Supply Act could be scrapped, and the provisions of Company's Act made applicable to all the State Electricity Boards as in the case of NTPC, NHPC etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) State Electricity Boards are quasi commercial bodies under the Electricity (Supply) Act 1948. There is no proposal to scrap the financial provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Act.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to (a) above.